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MAMS Students Receive Honorable Mentions in Pittsburgh Public Theater's Shakespeare Contest

Moon Area Middle School eighth-grade students Kristina Clark and Allison Murphy were awarded honorable mentions in the 2009 Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest sponsored by the Pittsburgh Public Theater.

More than 1,000 students from 81 schools participated in the yearly contest that is open to elementary, middle and high school students in grades four to 12. A total of 40 students were selected as finalists and four first-place winners were chosen.

To prepare for the contest, Kristina and Allison rehearsed and memorized a Shakespearean scene with a length under five minutes or a 20 to 25-minute line monologue twice each week for two months under the tutelage of Moon Area Middle School teachers Erin Buckley, Annie DiBello and Tracey Spinelli and Pittsburgh Public Theater acting coach David Early.

The pair then performed their pieces at the Pittsburgh Public Theater's main stage before a judging panel.